



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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This Little Light of Mine!

The Easter Candle

As a church, we celebrate Easter for fifty days. During the season of Easter we keep the Easter or Paschal Candle lit each Sunday. The ascension of Jesus into heaven happens forty days after Easter. Then, the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in Jerusalem happens fifty days after Easter. This ends the Easter Season and begins the season after Pentecost. We keep the Easter Candle lit until the day of Pentecost. Then the candle goes out for the next season. This symbolizes that the Holy Spirit is going out with each Christian into the world. We are now God's little lights spread out in the world!

Just like the song goes, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!" we are called to be the light of Christ to our neighbors and community. We also light the Easter candle for every baptism, funeral, and major church festival. In our baptismal liturgy, we remember the words of Jesus from Matthew 5, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Creator in heaven." Then the light is passed from the Easter candle to the baptismal candle and handed to the person being baptized or their sponsor. It is now their calling as a baptized follower of Jesus to share that light in their public and personal lives.

Child of God, you are called to share your light with the world!



What an amazing ritual we have to remember who we are as people of God! We are people of the light. This year, we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th which is also Church Music Sunday. The gift of music is one way that we share the love of God. It is our song of praise and our way to share the message of God's love with others. This year, we are blessed to honor **LeRoy Johnson**, our accompanist, as we celebrate a major milestone in his ministry. LeRoy has served as our organist/pianist at Immanuel for 45 years. Thanks be to God for LeRoy and his legacy of music in the church! Please join us for Pentecost to celebrate this wonderful day in the life of the church. May it inspire you to keep shining brightly!

The divine light in me honors the divine light in you!
Pastor Jamie



VBS

Summer's coming! Mark your calendar & reserve the week of June 17 to attend Vacation Bible School at Immanuel! You can register on our website or by clicking [here](#).

Are you registered for camp at Luther Park? If not, the time is NOW! Luther Park offers excellent camp opportunities for kids as young as kindergarten. Our Trust Fund has again agreed to offer 50% scholarships to Immanuel kids attending camp, which is applied to your account when you register - use code ILEC24. If you have any questions, talk to Alyssa!



Luther Park Bible Camp



Our Journey of Faith year is coming to a close on Sunday, May 5 with our Youth Led Worship Service and Graduation milestone blessing. It has been another great year, and we thank you for letting us grow with your children and walk beside them on their faith journey!

Our annual thrift sale will happen on June 6 & 7. You can drop off donations June 2-5, then come and shop! Proceeds support ZIP and the Youth Gathering team.



Register Today!

*Participant age:
entering grades 6-8*



*High School Youth can
serve as leaders*

Making a difference while having fun



Support our Summer Trip!

Festival Foods Brat Barn - Clairemont Location
May 18



We will recognize LeRoy during the worship service. A reception for Immanuel members, family and friends, hosted by choir members, will follow the service.

Any gifts given to Immanuel in LeRoy's honor will go to the music ministry of the church.



PRAISE IN THE PARK RETURNS SUMMER 2024

Sundays - 10 am

Phoenix Park

June 2nd - August 25th

Held at the Labyrinth in beautiful Phoenix Park, enjoy outdoor worship with a rain location at the Brewing Projekt.

Immanuel will lead Praise in the Park on June 9 and July 28. (NOTE: No indoor service will be held on these two Sundays at Immanuel.)

Knit Together 2023/24

The knitters of Immanuel have completed another very productive session to support our neighbors in need. Between October 2023 and March 2024 this group has created 223 items, such as hats, scarves, cowls, mittens etc. In addition, 56 items were sold at a fundraiser to benefit the youth group traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering. That brings the total to 279! Wow! What a wonderful effort! This year we have also received several large donations from members. Many thanks for all your contributions and amazing work. Distribution points were: our food pantry, Community Table, Helping Hands & Community Haven House Warming Center. They were all very grateful for these lovingly made gifts. We are on summer break for the Community Project; as we did last year, we will work on our own projects in the next few months, meeting at private homes. The first meeting will be at my house on May 6 from 1-3 pm. Subsequent meetings will be decided at that time. They may be somewhat less frequent, so please check with me, since the location may change. I'm looking forward to working with you on knitting, crocheting, tatting or other needle work. We help each other when we encounter a speed bump. Mostly, we have a lot of fun while we learn.

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Congratulations to this year's high school graduates! We will celebrate this milestone during worship on Sunday, May 5.

Rozi Balts
Campbell Dean
Ray Felling
Konnor Glynn
Kaelyn Hansen
Kailey Hanson

Water Is Life

The Bishop's WATER IS LIFE initiative is a response from our Synod. The goal is to drill two deep wells in Malawi, each powered by solar energy. Each deep well can provide water for thousands of people. This is a partnership with ELCM (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi), to support our Malawi friends with what they need (not what WE think they should have!).

Recent "borehole wells" in rural areas of Malawi (often near orphan feeding stations) have provided water for people and crops near each well. This has improved life quality for many families, including physical health as well as the safety and education of children.



Thousands of children die of preventable water-borne diseases each year in Malawi. From our friends in our companion synod in Zomba (in Malawi) we know that deep wells to pump clean water for rural families are a critical need. Many families in Malawi must walk long distances to carry home surface water that might not even be clean. This necessary but time-consuming hard work is often born by children (usually girls) who otherwise could be attending school.



The WATER IS LIFE initiative set a goal of raising \$40,000 by the synod assembly in Eau Claire this June. Immanuel's congregation -- by itself -- is on track for providing an amazing \$6000 of this, thanks to the generosity of church members and a matching grant from our Immanuel Trust Fund.

Many of our members donated to our congregation's effort to bring clean water to Malawi families. This includes everyone who put money into the noisy offering last month, kids who this spring put offerings in the world offering jar, and people who donated at the Chili cookoff fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Bring any spare change for another Noisy Offering on Sunday, May 5!

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>10 AM Sr Bible Study</p> <p>6 PM New Member Meeting</p> <p>7 PM Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4-8 PM Funeral Visitation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11 AM Diane Kaufmann Funeral</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9 AM Youth Led Worship with Graduation milestone</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship</p> <p>6 PM N2N Spanish Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 PM H3</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM H3</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 AM Sr Bible Study</p> <p>7 PM Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9 AM Worship</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship & ZIP meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM H3</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM H3</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 AM Sr Bible Study</p> <p>7 PM Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Brat Stand - Festival Foods on Clairemont</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9 AM Worship Pentecost</p> <p>Church Music Sunday</p> <p>10 AM Reception for LeRoy Johnson</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 PM Somatic Breathing</p> <p>6:30 PM H3</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM H3</p> <p>7 PM Council</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10 AM Sr Bible Study</p> <p>Preschool graduation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Preschool graduation</p> <p>Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9 AM Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>No Food Pantry</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	